

AMENDMENTS TO HB 18 PROPOSED BY MONTANA CONSERVATION VOTERS

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Amend Section 5 (data collection):

**Add:**

Other polling place counties identified as being willing to collect similar data during the same time period, including but not limited to data on voter registration and reactivation, absentee and provisional voting, turnout and election costs, will also submit the information so that the legislature can determine whether differences exist between the mail balloting and polling place counties.

The participating mail ballot counties identified in Section 2 and the polling place counties identified (above) shall provide similar data for the 2008 election, including but not limited to data on voter registration and reactivation, absentee and provisional voting, turnout and election costs, so the legislature can better evaluate whether changes are related to a particular election or the use of a particular election system.

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~~21 (2) (a) The information required in subsection (1)(b)(ii) must be collected only to the extent that the 22 precincts are identified at least 40 days in advance of the election by groups that advocate for the listed~~

~~23 populations.~~

~~24 (b) A group that identifies precincts pursuant to this subsection (2) shall provide to the county election 25 administrator and the secretary of state's office the precinct number and the documentation used to determine~~

~~26 that the precinct meets the criteria for data collection.~~

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27 (3) Each county participating in the pilot project as well as the volunteer polling place counties shall provide the information required under this section

28 to:

29 (a) the secretary of state on or before January 15, 2010, for the 2008 elections and elections held in 2009 and on or before

30 January 15, 2011, for elections held in 2010;

- 1 (b) the state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee before September 15, 2010, for  
2 elections held through June 2010; and  
3 (c) the Secretary of State, who shall evaluate the data and provide an analysis of the data to the  
legislature, as provided in 5-11-210.

Add new section, amending Title 13, Chapter 2, Part 2 Registration Procedures  
regarding maintenance of active and inactive voter registration lists:

NEW SECTION: Prior to a regularly scheduled federal, state, or county primary election that will be  
conducted by mail ballot, the election administrator shall mail to each person on the inactive list a  
forwardable, first class address confirmation notice stating that the elector will be mailed primary and  
general election ballots only if the elector confirms the elector's address.